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### **FSSAI Extends Deadline on Food Business Operator License**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) extended the timeline to obtain a food business operator (FBO) license to February 4, 2015.

## Executive Summary:

On August 4, 2014, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) extended the timeline to obtain a food business operator (FBO) license to February 4, 2015. According to the media, FSSAI waited to extend the deadline because of pending legal proceedings at the Bombay High Court.

## General Information:

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a  *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

On August 4, 2014, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) extended the timeline to obtain a food business operator (FBO) license to February 4, 2015. According to the media, FSSAI waited to extend the deadline (the previous deadline was August 4, 2014) because of pending legal proceedings at the Bombay High Court on FSSAI advisories. In February 2014, FSSAI's website noted that 481,964 licenses have been issued and 1,910,160 FBO registrations have been recorded.

According to the [Food Safety and Standards \(Licensing and Registration\) Regulations, 2011](#) (see chapter 2, clause 2.1), a food business operator is required to obtain a FSSAI license. Schedule I of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration) Regulations, 2011 provides a list of food businesses that need to apply to FSSAI. For food businesses not covered under Schedule 1, a license may be granted by a state or union territory licensing authority.

The new FSSAI notice extending the timeline and other applicable GAIN reports are below:

<a href="#">IN4004</a>	FSSAI extends the timeline to obtain license by six months
<a href="#">IN3135</a>	FSSAI sets final deadline date to obtain license
<a href="#">IN3009</a>	Extension of time period for renewal of licenses and registration
<a href="#">IN2134</a>	FSSAI sets deadline for license applications
<a href="#">IN2104</a>	FSSAI Extends Time Period on Renewal of Licenses and Registration
<a href="#">IN2004</a>	FSSAI Launches an Online Licensing and Food Import Clearance System


**File No. 1/1/Enf-1/FSSAI/2012(Pt.)**  
**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**  
**(Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)**

*FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road*  
*New Delhi-110002*  
*Date: 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2014*

**Subject: Extending time line upto 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 for the Food Business Operators seeking conversion/renewal of existing license/registration under repealed orders.**

The time line mentioned in the sub-regulation 2.1.2 of Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011 has been further extended upto 04.02.2015.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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To

1. All Food Safety Commissioners of States/UTs
2. All Central Licensing Authority